

ARMED MEXICANS FAIL TO APPEAR

Excitement Over Their Proposed Invasion of Texas Has Subsided.

GUARD STILL ON DUTY

Internationals' Trouble Brought About by Murder of Rancher's Wife.

San Antonio, Tex., November 15.—A telephone message from Rock Springs to-night says that the excitement over the reported marching on the town of a band of armed Mexicans has subsided, but the town is still guarded. A patrol of fifteen armed citizens will

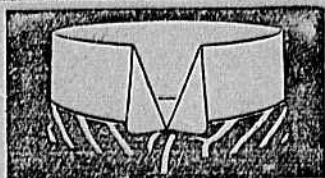
REPORTER IN FLY GALLERY DESCRIBES CHARIOT RACE

Hundreds of thousands have been thrilled and carried away by the excitement of the chariot race in "Ben Hur," but only a fortunate few have a definite idea of the scene as it actually unfolded.

Standing in what is known as the fly gallery, away above the stage, higher than the chandelier in the auditorium, surrounded by a score of shirt-sleeved hands, commanded by one who described himself as "the fly man," the reporter saw the scene as it unfolded. The scene was a most stirring scene of the modern stage.

The race takes place in the second scene of the fifth act, but as early as the last scene in the fourth act the preparations begin. While Ben Hur is yielding to the seductive arts of the Egyptian and is floating away with her, "the world forgetting and by the world forgot," dozens of men are jumping to the great tread mills banked up against the north and south walls of the theatre.

With some twenty men slacking away on each side, the ponderous pieces of machinery are lowered to the stage and quietly pushed into place. Each of the two "treads," as the men who do the practical work call them, contains four runways—one for each horse. Then come the horses up through the stage entrance, each one taking his place as a fire department horse flies to his, the hostlers jump on the mills and harness them; the property master with the show crawls underneath the chariots and winds around the axes the ropes which later he will pull in order to make the wheels revolve as the horses race; an



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be on duty all night. Monday night fifty men were under arms.

How It All Started.
San Antonio, Tex., November 15.—The murder of Mrs. Lem Henderson,

assistant runs up with a block and tackle and hitches the ropes apparently to the rear of Messala's chariot and to the front of Ben Hur's, but really to the tread mill itself, so that Ben Hur may rise as the book decrees; another assistant attaches a string to a spring beneath Messala's chariot in order that his wheel may fly off at the proper time; the electrician cuts on his motor to try out the background—an endless belt of scenery representing the crowd at the circus, which revolves about two huge steel cylinders on each side of the stage back against the rear wall of the house—the stage manager assigns half a dozen men to the ropes on each side of the stage so that Messala's tread mill shall be hauled back and Ben Hur's pulled forward.

The cue line is spoken; the buzz of the stage manager sounds up in the fly gallery; the two men assigned to the curtain drum begin to wind down the curtain; the thump of the curtain pole signifies the fact that the stage is hidden from the house; the stage manager yells "Clear!" the back drop goes up into the unknown heights; Ben Hur and Messala take their places in the chariots; the chief hostler lights into the one new horse in the production with a piece of rubber hose in order to make him extend himself; there is another buzz, and the curtain goes up on one of the most exciting scenes one could imagine.

There is a steady roar of hoof beats and machinery for a moment; then comes a sign from the stage manager, and the stage hands go to work. Messala drops back, because of a steady pull on his tread mill from some six or eight hunky men, aided by a pulley, and Ben Hur forces ahead for the same reason. Another sign, and the property man with the show crawls his string, the spring under Messala's chariot spreads out, and the rear wheel of the Roman chariot falls off. Messala's chariot tumbles and the house goes crazy, as the curtain goes down.

BEN-HUR CHARIOT RACE

PRINCELY LOVERS WEDDED



PRINCESS CLEMENTINE

PRINCE VICTOR NAPOLEON

wife of a rancher, living eighteen miles northeast of Rock Springs, Edward county, on the afternoon of November 2, and the burning at the stake by a crowd of Rock Springs citizens of her slayer, Antonio Rodriguez, the following afternoon, are the causes of the recent anti-American demonstrations in Mexico, and the reported marching on Monday of armed Mexicans upon Rock Springs.

Mrs. Henderson was alone except for two small children, when Rodriguez, then unknown, came riding by on a horse. It is still unknown just what led up to the killing. When Mr. Henderson came home in the evening, his little daughter told him a "bad Mexican has killed mamma."

Henderson found his wife's body lying by her sewing machine on the rear gallery of their home. Henderson sent out an alarm and a description of the Mexican. Posses searched practically all night, but failed to find their man. Next morning Rodriguez came to the ranch of Jim Hunter, some miles from Henderson's place. He was recognized from the description sent broadcast, disarmed and returned to Rock Springs. He is said to have admitted the murder of Mrs. Henderson, giving as his only reason that she "spoke roughly" to him. Late on the afternoon of November 3 the crowd, in which there were many Mexicans, took Rodriguez from the jail and to a clump of woods a mile or two outside of town. The Americans were for hanging the man, but the Mexicans cried, "Burn him! Burn him!" So he was tied to a mesquite tree, wood piled around him, oil applied, and the mass

The man's body was burned to a cinder. Rodriguez died a stoic's death. All the while the flames were lashing his body he jeered the crowd.

No ill feeling was displayed at Rock Springs previous to or after the burning. In the various houses that searched for Rodriguez were numerous Mexicans, ranch hands and others employed in that section of Edwards county.

Everything Quiet.
Laredo, Tex., November 15.—Everything is quiet along the border in the vicinity of Laredo and there is no semblance of disorder, either anti-American or anti-Diaz. Consul Diebold states that in the event of a disturbance the Mexican government is amply able to cope with the situation. The border is well protected on the Mexican side by infantry and cavalry troops.

Explains Attitude.
New York, November 15.—Senator Don Francisco de la Barra, Mexican ambassador to the United States, explained the attitude of his government on the Rodriguez lynching in Texas and the subsequent demonstrations against American in Mexico, in addressing the Quill Club, at its annual dinner to-night.

"In former times," he said, "two nations could be plunged into the horrors of war by the simple caprice of a sovereign. To-day, such a thing would be impossible; the people impose their will, and within proper bounds they are the arbiters of their destinies. You have lately seen a proof of the beneficial effect of such international policy in the unhappy events which have produced passing disturbances on either side of our frontier."

"The manifestation of public sentiment in Mexico which would have been easily explicable within reasonable bounds, exceeded the limits required by law, but my government acting with the utmost promptness, repressed such unexpected disorders. The American government was not responsible for the awful crime committed, nor is my government responsible for the punishable acts which gave rise to a public manifestation born of a legitimate sentiment."

"The statements simultaneously made by the distinguished Secretary of State of the United States and by the able and patriotic Secretary of Affairs of Mexico, show the same sentiment of equity and contain an equal promise of an immediate and effective solution of the case."

Senator De La Barra explained during his address that it had not yet been definitely established whether Rodriguez was a Mexican subject, but that this will soon be determined by his government.

ders this afternoon, and they were in conference again this evening. Centenary Church, in which the conference will be held, was filled this evening to hear the sermon of Rev. Plata T. Durham, pastor of Central Church, Concord. "The Character of Amos" formed the theme of the sermon, and Mr. Durham pleaded earnestly for preachers of to-day to possess the strong characteristics of Amos, the prophet. He emphasized especially the danger which is facing the church on account of the tendency to lose the consciousness of God in the home and elsewhere. He said in this connection, with special earnestness: "When you strike from the home the altar of God you strike from it the one fundamental thing that holds it to the consciousness of God."

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News of South Richmond

South Richmond, Bureau.
The Times-Dispatch.
1133 Hull Street.
Julius Dean, colored, two and one-half years of age, the son of Annie Dean, a widow, of 2011 Hull Street, while playing about a stove yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock had his clothes ignited, receiving such a terrible burn that he died in the City Home yesterday at 6:45 o'clock. The ambulance responded promptly and sped to the hospital in the effort to save the life of the dying child.
The mother on leaving for her daily work left Julius and his sister in charge of an aged colored woman, shortly before the accident the old woman crossed the street to gather a handful of chips. Without thought of disaster, the boy was energetically punching the burning wood with a stick. Suddenly his clothes caught on fire, and in a minute he was a mass of flames. The sister rushed to the nearest house and returned with a negro. Her brother was still seated by the stove, his form burnt almost to a crisp, the cane seat black from fire, and with fragments of clothing adhering to it. When the ambulance reached the scene the surgeon saw there was small hope. The mother accompanied her boy to the hospital.

Sent On to Grand Jury
P. P. Tate, who was arraigned in the Police Court yesterday morning, charged with breaking into the store of H. V. Baldwin, 200 Hull Street, and carrying off a quantity of clothing, was sent on to the grand jury after a preliminary hearing.

Notes About Town.
A large crowd gathered last night at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Maud Adams, 1409 Decatur Street, at a special review of Richmond High No. 2, Lady Macabees.

All who gathered last night at Cowardin Avenue Christian Church to hear the illustrated lecture on the subject of "Ben Hur," delivered by the Rev. John Jayne, formerly of Pittsburg, were amply repaid.

LICENSE CHARGE MAY BE INCREASED
Fisheries Board Desires Greater Revenue from Tongers.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Newport News, Va., November 15.—Because the supply of oysters on the Virginia public rocks is so plentiful this year that the planters are sending their tongers to the natural rocks, instead of working their private beds, the State Board of Fisheries is seriously considering the advisability of making an increase in the tongers license charge. This matter was one of the most important discussed by the board, in monthly session here to-day.

It was stated that the demand for planting grounds will decrease as the state of the public beds improves, and that it will be necessary to get the lost revenue from somewhere. Senator Bland Massie said after the meeting of the board that the tongers' license would have to be increased, and it is probable that the board will recommend this step to the Legislature at the next session. According to reports received by the board the natural rock oysters supply this year is better than it has been before in twenty years.

Present at to-day's meeting were: Commissioner W. McDonald, Lee, S. Wilkins, Matthews, secretary; George B. Kozell, of Rockingham, and Bland Massie, of Nelson, members of the board; Inspectors M. J. Kilby, Nausemond, and C. H. Muse, of York.

It was reported that the price of commercial oysters had advanced from 15 to 50 per cent. in the past week. Oysters in an abundant supply are still selling at from 12 to 15 cents per bushel, however. Surveyor Rudeger, who is making a survey of the natural rocks, will finish up the winter in about a week.

Complete the survey next spring. The members of the commission left for Norfolk after the meeting.

Elks Elect Life Members.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Alexandria, Va., November 15.—At a meeting of Alexandria Lodge of Elks last night T. C. Smith and John N. Lawler were elected life members of that organization.

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